



Key Facts about Sydney Harbour YHA

The new, purpose built Sydney Harbour YHA and archaeology education centre, The Big Dig opened in November 2009 in The Rocks, one of Sydney's premier tourist precincts. It is an environmentally sustainable YHA with state of the art facilities, built amongst the archaeological remnants of early Sydney.

YHA NSW Ltd have developed this site, formerly known as the Cumberland Street Archaeology Site, an area of 2675m² housing the remnants of over 30 dwellings dating back to the earliest days of the colony of Sydney.

The \$25 million development includes a 106 bedroom youth hostel accommodating 354 guests, a two classroom education centre including a simulated archaeology dig and retail space.

The majority of the new buildings are raised on pillars above the archaeological remnants to minimize the impact of the new development and to maintain visual and physical access to the remnants covering the majority of the site. A range of heritage interpretation features are included in the development.

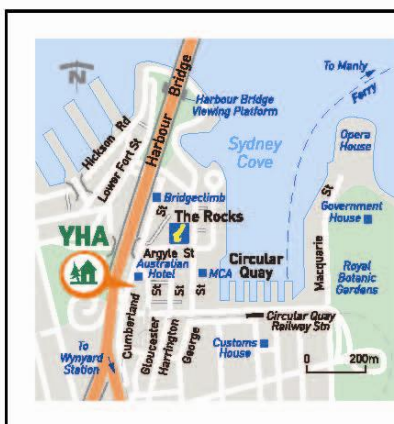
The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre is a single storey building with a floor space of 221m². The soon to open retail space will front Cumberland Street and have a floor space of 75m².

YHA was selected as the preferred developer for this site from an open tender process run by SHFA in July 2006. The site is owned by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) and YHA has entered into a 99 year lease for the site.

A Part 3A Major Projects development application was lodged with the NSW Department of Planning in July 2007. Development approval for the project was received in February 2008. Built NSW Pty Ltd was appointed as the building contractor for the development in July 2008 and construction commenced in August 2008.

The new YHA is a 3 storey building with a floor space of 4714m².featuring private double and twin rooms, family rooms and multi-share 4 to 6 bed rooms all with an ensuite bathroom.

Sydney Harbour YHA opened in November 2009. Bookings can be made at yha.com.au from mid 2009, check www.yha.com.au for updates. Standard rates are from \$42.00pp per night multi share or \$159 per room, per night, double/twin. YHA members save at least 10%.



YHA is part of the world's largest budget accommodation network, Hostelling International, which provides more than 4,000 YHA/Hi hostels in more than 60 countries. Renowned for its unique properties, YHA hostels include heritage castles, log cabins and beach houses. A membership based organisation, YHA provides travellers with quality accommodation and the opportunity for personal growth through travel, fostering cross cultural understanding and environmental responsibility. YHA is a not for profit organisation, with profits invested in the accommodation network and the experience it provides.

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